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## Bus fee refund offered in full to dissatisfied

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People dissatisfied with Texas A&M's summer shuttle bus service now will be granted a full refund, Doug Williams, manager of bus operations, said Monday.

The fee option, which cost \$46, marked the first time the service has been available during the summer sessions.

Williams said that because it was the first time the service has been offered in the summer, people might have been unhappy with it because they didn't know what to expect.

He said people might have been thinking the shuttle bus routes were the same ones offered in Spring 1989, and are now upset with the revised summer schedule because the routes might be conflicting with their class schedules.

The five summer routes run five days a week every 30 minutes from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and are the same that served as combined night routes in Spring 1989:

- Anderson, Marion Pugh and Parkway.
- Villa Maria and Finfeather.
- Lincoln and 29th Street.
- Scarlett O'Hara, Munson and Dartmouth.
- FM 2818 and Welsh.

Williams said that although the date for receiving full refunds for classes or fee options has passed, Bus Operations will be giving full refunds to people who purchased the fee option, but are now unhappy with it, in order to be fair and avoid any animosity.

Williams said the most important thing to remember is the shuttle bus is a service, and he doesn't want to turn people away from the service in the fall.

People who have purchased the service and want their money back or who have received a partial refund and want the rest of their money back have until June 13 to get a full refund.

People wanting full refunds should contact the Bus Operations office at 845-1971.

# Proposal would clean up Texas air by 2010

WASHINGTON (AP) — Petrochemical plants and refineries face expensive pollution controls under President Bush's proposal Monday to curb cancer-causing emissions, while markets for Texas' natural gas industry would expand under the clean air initiative.

The president's plan also would bring most Texas cities within federal air quality standards by 1995, but would give Houston, considered one of the nation's most severe cases of ozone pollution, until the year 2010 to come into compliance.

Daniel Weiss of the Sierra Club said that while Bush's proposals signal his commitment to "protecting public health from air pollution," Houston residents would be breathing dirty air for two more decades.

"That's too long a time to have high levels of this health-threatening pollutant," said Weiss, Washington director of the Sierra Club's pollution program.

Other Texas cities and metropolitan areas on the Environmental Protection Agency's list for non-attainment of ozone-standards are Beaumont-Port Arthur, El Paso and Dallas-Fort Worth. The Houston area also includes Galveston and Brazoria.

El Paso and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria also are on the EPA non-attainment list for carbon monoxide pollution.

Most cities would meet carbon monoxide standards by 1995 through an effort that includes the use of clean-burning oxygenated fuels. The most severe cases, however, would have until the year 2000 under the president's plan.

Weiss praised the president's call for industry to install the best-available technology to control toxic air emissions, considered a significant problem in Texas because of its many petrochemical plants and oil refineries.

According to preliminary data from the EPA, released by Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., Texas leads the country in the amount of toxic chemicals released into the air and also has several plants with emissions that pose a severe cancer threat.

EPA estimates the cost of installing best-available technology for reducing toxic emissions at \$2 billion, Weiss said, and Texas petrochemical companies and refiners probably would pay a large part of the cost.

The plan anticipates "near-term reductions in airborne toxic chemicals, including many that are cancer causing, of between 75 percent and 90 percent.

"I don't think there's any doubt about it — compliance with these standards will be very expensive and benefits from compliance will be substantial as well," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said.

Randy Erben, deputy director of the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations, said it is impossible now to judge the costs of the proposal.

"Until you see the final ink dry on the bill and EPA regulations promulgated under the bill, you're not going to have a hard idea about what the final costs are going to be. This is the opening salvo by the administration in this debate," Erben said.

Gramm said he wants to help write the legislation to maintain refiners' and manufacturers' "flexibility in coming up with new and efficient ways to lower emissions."

"I believe that if we can implement this new proposal of the president's correctly that we can continue the growth in the petrochemical industry and protect the environment,"

Gramm said.

At the same time, Gramm said he sees "real potential for long-term sustained growth in the demand for natural gas. And since we are the nation's largest producer of it, that is a benefit for us in the nation's effort to improve the environment."

As coal-burning power plants seek a 10-million-ton reduction in sulfur dioxide emissions, a chief cause of acid rain, Weiss and Gramm said utilities would be considering a procedure in which a mix of coal and natural gas is burned. Natural gas is the cheapest and cleanest-burning fossil fuel, Gramm said.

The American Petroleum Institute said in a statement that it was disappointed by the administration's "apparent preference for mandating alternate-fuel vehicles."

API, the largest trade association representing all segments of the oil industry, called the alternate-fuel vehicles "an extremely costly and inflexible step which would provide highly uncertain environmental benefits and presumably require price and allocation controls or higher prices for all fuels."

# Bullock: Texas lost funds because of census miscount

AUSTIN (AP) — State Comptroller Bob Bullock said Monday the federal Census Bureau has undercounted the Texas population by as many as 547,000 people, and that has cheated the state out of millions in federal dollars.

"Texas has been undercounted in the census and shortchanged at the treasury," Bullock said. "The Census Bureau knows it. They admit it. But they have refused to do anything about it."

The Census Bureau has estimated that as many as 547,000 Texans—or about 3.7 percent of the state's 14,229 million people—were not counted in the 1980 census.

Bullock said most of those not counted are poor people, and therefore the state has lost millions of dollars in federal programs that use population and income figures in their allocation formulas.

Texas lost \$29.3 million in nine of 77 federal programs in 1987, said Bullock, who is running in the Democratic Party primary for lieutenant governor.

About two-thirds of that amount would have gone toward Medicaid, which provides health care services to low-income Texans, and an estimated \$3.8 million would have been used for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, he said.

"And that means thousands of Texans, most of them poor, elderly, or minority, are not getting services to which they are entitled," Bullock said.

Bullock has asked U.S. Commerce Secretary Robert A. Mosbacher Sr. to reverse a department decision to

not adjust the 1990 census for the inaccurate count, and he has urged Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox to join in a lawsuit filed against Commerce that would require an adjustment.

"If this problem is not corrected

in the 1990 census, Texas stands to lose hundreds of millions of dollars in federal funds in the next decade," Bullock said.

He has urged the Texas congressional delegation to support legislation co-sponsored by U.S. Rep. Ron Coleman, D-Texas, and U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, to require an under-count adjustment.

Of the estimated 547,000 Texans

not counted, 253,000 are believed to be Hispanics and 143,000 blacks, and most are poor, according to the census report. This under-counting of poor minority Texans artificially inflates the state's per capita income, which is part of the allocation formula for many federal programs, he said.

The Census Bureau's estimates of

the people not counted are based on past experience, according to Jim Gorman, a bureau spokesman.

States with a large illegal alien population often will be miscounted, he said. Although the census does not question whether a person is legally in the country, he said, illegal aliens shy away from the census questionnaire.

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# Officials continue search for clues surrounding Army sergeant's death

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Circumstances surrounding the shooting death of James Craig, an Army sergeant on active duty in Texas A&M's ROTC department, remain unknown as Army investigators continue their investigation into the incident.

Craig's body was found June 6 in a van at Fort Riley, Kan., where he had been assigned to assist members of the A&M Corps of Cadets during Summer Training Camp.

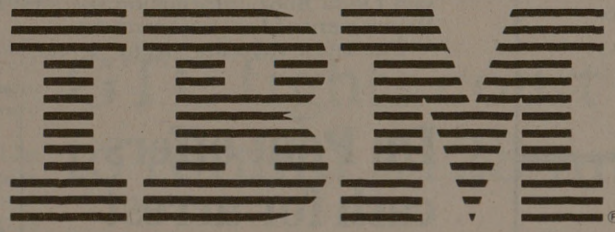
Craig had been working in the A&M ROTC depart-

ment since 1986. He instructed freshman-level ROTC courses and worked as the supply sergeant for all Army-ROTC cadets here. He also was involved with the Ranger Challenger Team, Rudder's Rangers and the Ross Volunteers.

The Army released a statement last week saying it could not comment on Craig's death until its investigation was completed. The Army gave no estimate on how long it would take to finish the investigation.

Craig's military awards include the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star Medal, a Combat Infantryman Badge, an Army Commendation Medal and various service decorations. He was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4692 in Bryan.

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